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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner Ling-Siu Choi	Art Unit 1713	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 January 2006.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-84 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-30 and 39-46 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 31-38 and 47-84 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to the Amendment filed January 5, 2006. Claims 47-84 have been added. Claims 1-84 are now pending. In view of the Arguments presented in the Amendment, the newly added claims 47-84 will be considered with the elected claims 31-38. It is noted that claims 1-30 are drawn to a polymer. Since the polymer is not novel and is in a different class, claims 1-30 will not be rejoined with the elected claims. Referring to claims 39-46, they will rejoined with the elected claims when they are found allowable. Rejection of claims 31-38 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gjerde et al. (US 6,355,791 B1) are maintained.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. **The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:**

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 31-38 and 47-84 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gjerde et al. (US 6,355,791 B1).

A method of separating a mixture of analytes, comprising	
1	applying the mixture of analytes to a chromatography sorbent comprising polymer beads of aromatic vinyl monomers substituted with hydrocarbyl or halocarbyl substituents, or combinations thereof, comprising from 1 to 1,000,000 carbon atom wherein the aromatic vinyl monomers or the hydrocarbyl substituents or both have been functionalized by halogenation ; and
2	removing polar analytes from the chromatography sorbent by a hydrophilic solvent wash

(summary of claim 31)

The rejection is adequately set forth in the paragraph 8 of the previous Office Action and is incorporated herein by reference.

Response to the Applicants' Arguments

4. Applicants' arguments filed January 5, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not deemed to be persuasive.

"Gjerde does not disclose or suggest that the aromatic vinyl monomers, the hydrocarbyl substituents, or both, are functionalized by halogenation."

The bromination of the polymeric monolith which is poly(styrene-diviinylbenzene) to move the remaining double bonds reads on "halogenation of hydrocarbyl substituents."

"[T]he method described by Gjerde can only brominate the few unreacted vinyl monomers remaining after polymerization."

The degree of bromination is not cited in the claims. Thus, the argument is not

persuasive.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ling-Siu Choi whose telephone number is 571-272-1098.

If attempt to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner=s supervisor, David Wu, can be reach on 571-272-1114.

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